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MEMORANDUM FOR: NIO for Europe
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FROM: DCI

SUBJECT: NIC No. 03556-85

That was a very interesting and I think
useful conference you organized on the
Balkans.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George Kolt
National Intelligence Officer for Europe

SUBJECT: Some Thoughts on the Balkans

Attachment

1. The NIO/Europe and DDI/EURA sponsored a conference on Balkan regional affairs on 11-13 June to give community and outside analysts an opportunity to discuss trends in the region--both the general patterns of instability and efforts at regional cooperation. Personally, I came away with several strong impressions and some ideas for follow-up projects which I wish to outline for you.

2. My first and strongest impression is a sense that the Balkans remains the Balkans: Despite its post-World War II quietude, the region remains a potential hotbed for crises that could expand beyond its boundaries. As our key noter Bob Barry, ex-DAS in STATE/EUR and ex-Ambassador to Sofia, put it, he expects that:

- US policymakers, possibly soon, will be faced with a crisis in the Balkans.
- The crisis will most likely come as a surprise to them.
- They probably would not find ready answers from the intelligence community to all of their questions. He praised the intelligence analysis he has used in the past (and I would specifically point to [] typescript* of June 1983 on instability in the Communist Balkans as an example of intelligence alerting policymakers to looming strategic problems.) But Bob also indicated that there was

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DDI Typescript, 15 June 1983, Instability in the Communist Balkans:
Causes and Implications.

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